

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 934
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 4, 2015; March 9, 2015, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 16, 2015,
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 16, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 934 By: Kolkhorst

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to providing training academies for public school teachers
1-23 who provide mathematics instruction to students in kindergarten
1-24 through grade three.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter J, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
1-27 amended by adding Section 21.4553 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 21.4553. TEACHER MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMIES.

1-29 (a) The commissioner shall develop and make available mathematics
1-30 achievement academies for teachers who provide mathematics
1-31 instruction to students at the kindergarten or first, second, or
1-32 third grade level.

1-33 (b) A mathematics achievement academy developed under this
1-34 section must include training in effective and systematic
1-35 instructional practices in mathematics, including measurement,
1-36 problem solving, and analyzing and describing geometric shapes,
1-37 figures, and patterns.

1-38 (c) The commissioner shall adopt criteria for selecting
1-39 teachers who may attend a mathematics achievement academy. In
1-40 adopting selection criteria under this subsection, the
1-41 commissioner shall require granting a priority to teachers employed
1-42 by a school district at a campus at which 50 percent or more of the
1-43 students enrolled are educationally disadvantaged.

1-44 (d) From funds appropriated for that purpose, a teacher who
1-45 attends a mathematics achievement academy is entitled to receive a
1-46 stipend in the amount determined by the commissioner. A stipend
1-47 received under this subsection is not considered in determining
1-48 whether a district is paying the teacher the minimum monthly salary
1-49 under Section 21.402.

1-50 (e) On request of the commissioner, regional education
1-51 service centers shall assist the commissioner and agency with
1-52 training and other activities relating to the development and
1-53 operation of mathematics achievement academies.

1-54 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-55 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-56 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-57 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-58 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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